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Lovely Angel Presence mine
  Waiting there and so Divine,
For my Earthly song to end
  When, at last, we two shall blend.

Upward slowly, just at first,
  Then the human shell will burst
And I arise a blazing sun
  As You and I become as one.

Your Seamless Garment I shall wear
  When I have learned to do and dare;
So take my hand—You are the Way
  Dissolving darkness into day.

Enfold me with Your Own Heart's Light
  And blaze that Flame increasing bright.
I pray that I may ever be
  Worthy of Your love for me.

Anonymous.

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THE KING'S DISGUISE

Once upon a time, there lived a poor widow with an only son named Peter. Peter was tall, everybody's friend, always ready to do a service with a smile, and devoted to his mother. They lived in a tiny cottage on the outskirts of the village. The widow was an excellent seamstress, which was her main means of livelihood, though Peter earned a little now and then with odd jobs.

The King, it was said, had a marvellous Palace Garden, and many legends were told about its wonders. Every kind of bird and beast were collected there from every part of the world. The tallest tower in the Kingdom enabled one to see over the entire country. Trees and flowers in great profusion made it a veritable fairyland. A high wall surrounded the garden and great golden gates gleamed at the entrance.

The King, Himself, was almost a legendary figure. He was said to be almost a God; handsome, wise, and a great magician besides.

One day, the King's heralds, in handsome uniforms of blue and silver, blew on their silver trumpets to assemble the populace. To the astonished delight of all, the following announcement was made: "The King will open his garden every day for one hour. He will walk therein wearing a disguise. Anyone who discovers the King under this disguise will receive a handsome reward."

Imagine the murmured excitement of the crowd! Many raced home to tell the news, as Peter did to his mother. "Oh! Mother, if I can get this great reward, by finding the King, maybe you will not have to work hard any more."

"Thank you, my son, you are always so kind and thoughtful of me. May God grant you success."

So off went Peter the day the Garden was opened, and he went with a big and expectant crowd. There were exclamations of "Ah's" and "Oh's" on every side; such marvels to witness at every step! Peter, who loved animals, was entranced to find elephants, giraffes, lions and tigers, monkeys and bears, squirrels and deer—all living on the friendliest terms, and in the jewel-like lakes, were majestic white swans; while gorgeous peacocks preened themselves on the banks.

Presently, Peter met a friend who looked radiantly happy

and excited. "Oh Peter, I have just found the King! He's simply wonderful. No time to tell you more. He's just turned the corner of the orange grove," pointing to the spot where he had just left Him. "Hurry up, Peter, you'll soon catch up to Him with your long legs!"

Peter hurried as directed, but he had not gone more than a few yards when he heard a child crying: "I want my mummy, Oh, I'm lost, please help me!"

Peter, who loved small children, bent down toward her. "Never mind, little one. See that big tower? We'll go right to the top, and you will easily see your house. Then I'll take you there right away."

The child ceased to cry, and even smiled as she held up her arms to be lifted. So Peter carried her to the top of the tower, when she excitedly pointed to her house. "That's where I live!"

Down the spiral staircase, out of the park, a long walk till they reached home. The child's mother was anxiously looking up and down the road, hoping that some kind soul would bring back her lost child. Peter was warmly invited to come in and partake of some freshly made, delicious cakes and a drink of some fruit compound.

Taking affectionate leave of the child, he returned home and related his adventures. "Never mind, my son, if you did not find the King, you acted like a King's son. Better luck next time."

Next morning, after doing all the chores he could for his mother, Peter set out, this time with pockets full of tit-bits for his furry and feathered friends. The great golden gates opened in due time, and were most impressive to the assembled multitude. Presently as before, Peter met a friend, who looked as if he had a glimpse of heaven, so happy was he. "I say, Peter, I've just seen the King; he's marvelous; hurry up! He has just passed that fountain, yonder. You'll soon catch up to him with your long legs!"

"Thanks," said Peter, and off he strode in the direction mentioned. But he had not gone very far, when he heard the moan of an old man: "Oh, my ankle, it does hurt so; however shall I get home? Oh dear, I wish I had never come!" And there was an old man hobbling painfully along, his ankle badly sprained.

"I'm so sorry, Father, lean on me, and I will help you home; we will go very slowly."

"God bless you, my son; all I have to offer you is an old man's blessing."

Peter gently but firmly placed his arm around the old man's waist and helped him home. Then Peter bathed the injured foot in cold water, and rested it on a cushioned footstool. The old man was overcome by these kind attentions, and was overjoyed when Peter promised to come and see to him on the morrow.

Returning home, Peter related his adventures as before, and his mother once more beamed approval upon him, "I'm glad you helped the old man; even the King could do no more!"

Again, Peter presented himself before the great golden gates, with high hopes of finding the King, for he thought, "So many of my friends seem to have found Him—why can't I?"

Peter delayed his search as he went the rounds of his favorite elephants and bears, and stopped to feed the swans, and pet the monkeys, when he was met by another friend, whose face was the very picture of joy. "Peter, I've just found the King! He is like the sun, glorious to behold indeed. I do wish you could find him too. See there, just past the lily pond—that's where I found Him. With your long legs you'll soon catch up with him."

"Thanks," replied Peter, warmly, and off he made as fast as his legs could carry him.

But he had not gone very far when he heard a piteous yelping of a dog. Then he saw the poor creature looking down a deep well, distressed beyond measure about something. Peter looked down and, with a pang, he saw a tiny puppy lying at the bottom. Luckily the well was dry, though the sides were green with wet moss. It was a narrow one but Peter decided to attempt a rescue. After several minutes of exploration, he found a foothold, and finally was near enough to reach down for the puppy which he put in his pocket safely. How he got out of that well he never quite knew—he seemed to be helped at the most difficult places, as if someone had lifted him under the arms. Finally, he reached the top, and, climbing painfully out himself, placed the tiny puppy near its mother.

What joyous barking on the part of the canine mother,

whose heart well nigh burst with gratitude, as it jumped up in the vain endeavor to lick Peter's face!

Peter stooped down, patted the mother, saying: "You're a very careless dog to let your puppy fall down a deep well like that. Lucky there wasn't any water in it." Then he carefully covered up the well surface in case the same fate might befall other unwary creatures.

Then Peter looked down at his clothes with rueful dismay! They were in a shocking state—torn as well as begrimed. He thought to himself, "How shall I get home without being seen? I do hope the King will not find me in this condition!"

But it was too late. There, directly in his path, there appeared a commanding figure—a tall and wondrous Presence —with a golden light shining all around Him. His eyes were like twin stars and, with a smile of ineffable sweetness, He regarded Peter with a look of infinite tenderness.

"So now you have found Me at last, My son," pealed out a voice of bell-like tones. "But in truth, you have not seen me for the first time. You found Me and served Me when you took the little lost child back to her mother, and again you found Me and served Me in the old man whom you helped back to his home; and yet again you found and served Me when you restored the tiny puppy to its mother. For I am He Who lives in the hearts of all creatures, and in serving them, you serve Me."

Peter was filled with unbounded joy as wave after wave of Blessing from the King surged through his being. Then the King, with upraised hand, slowly faded from view, and Peter was alone.

He knew what the Great Reward was beyond the shadow of a doubt. It was the Great Discovery that All Life is one, and the King, Who is the Divinity in all beings, is served as we serve others. In service one finds true Happiness, life's greatest Prize or Reward.

So Peter returned home, and recounted his adventures as before. His mother glowed with inward joy, and nodded her head with approval at what he had done.

Then she announced, "Peter, a message has just come from the King of the Palace that I am to be the royal seamstress, and you are to be His page. How splendid!"

Peter was thrilled to the core at the grand news. Every one was pleased at their good fortune too.

You will not be surprised to hear that Peter grew up to be a great and wise man—the first Counsellor of the land.

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OUR BELOVED ARCHANGEL JOPHIEL

(Archangel of Wisdom and Illumination)

The Archangel Jophiel has become a great Divine Teacher of Angels, mankind and Elementals who are desirous of expanding their understanding of life and its beneficent God-laws by which His great Universe is governed. This better understanding enables Them to serve in greater capacity and with more efficacy. This great Archangel applied to the God of All Life at the Heart of this Universe for this opportunity to serve as a Divine Teacher, after having earned the right so to do by applying Himself for countless ages to study and preparation until the Great God of Love found Him ready to so serve!

Jophiel's Temples of Light at Inner Levels are of very beautiful and inspirational design and of an exquisite golden color—the "golden color" being symbolic of the activities of the Second Ray upon which He serves. In these Temples lovely Beings Who serve with Lord Jophiel teach the Angelic Host how to expand Their love and power of light which makes them of greater blessing to life. They also teach those of mankind who are eager to develop educational culture in the world of form, and such lifestreams are taught in the Temples of Illumination at night while their physical bodies sleep. Eager Elementals are also among those blessed by these great Teachers at Inner Levels of consciousness in Jophiel's Temples of Illumination—those Elementals who desire to be a part of bringing into outer manifestation at this time the real Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The entire service of Lord Jophiel is to expand the understanding of every self-conscious intelligence who desires such help (no matter to which Kingdom it may belong).

As each individual consciousness is so expanded, it then becomes more receptive to the God-directions given to it; also

more eager to remain constant in service until the manifest expression of that upon which they are working is developed and perfected.

Serving with Lord Jophiel is His magnificent Twin-Flame (His Archaii-feminine counterpart) Whose name is Constance. Her service is to help to more firmly anchor within the consciousness of the aspiring student the desire to serve, the instruction received, the vision grasped, particularly when they are unascended lifestreams with whom She is working. This is necessary so that the aspiring one does not "give up" too easily and before the completed accomplishment is manifest. You know, it is one thing to "dream a dream" and another thing entirely to make that ephemeral idea a practical, workable, beneficial reality for the blessings of life—right here in the world of form. By the radiation of Her Own God-quality of Constancy, Our Beloved Archaii Constance stimulates the activities of the Christ-Flame within every human heart to "follow through" to accomplishment.

Solomon said: "With all thy getting, get understanding". With illumined understanding, every man can better utilize his particular gifts, talents and powers toward their highest manifestation. It is to give this understanding that Lord Jophiel and Constance have dedicated Their lives. If a man knows just why he is rendering a specific service as well as knowing what that service is, that man will be more co-operative with God and His Messengers in fulfilling his mission in life. His services will then be performed more intelligently and with more love and joy; rather than through a sense of "duty".

The watchword of the Angelic Host is "The Highest". Naturally, the potential "highest" of each man is different, according to his evolution, past developments and present service. However, those who desire to serve with the Angelic Host can most surely draw These Beings by endeavoring to express their own individual highest potential. For instance, a small child, reaching its hands above its head, will touch a "high" for him—but that is far below the height to which a full-grown man can stretch his developed and mature arms. There is no condemnation as to what is the "highest" for a soul but there is the requisite that each man endeavor (without tension or strain) to express the highest manifestation of thought, feel-

ing, spoken word and deed according to his present consciousness.

As Lord Jophiel, Constance and the Teachers in the Golden Temples of Illumination expand each consciousnsss which comes to Them for assistance, the capacity to express higher and more lofty ideals of Deity are experienced by their students. From the Temples of Lord Jophiel there are directed into all educational temples and schools of learning right here on Earth, great beams of pure golden light. Over these beams of light Angels of Education and Illumination direct currents of instruction, encouragement and inspiration through radiation to the teachers in such Temples and schools. Also great scholars, delving into the various aspects of The Law (spiritual and physical) are the recipients of such directed currents of energy from these Temples and often such embodied lifestreams have assigned to them an "invisible" (to them) Teacher from these Temples to assist them. Many times, such well-meaning and sincere lifestreams who are motivated by a desire to serve the entire human race, are unaware of their Angelic guides and Teachers.

Therefore, the unascended individuals so assisted often attribute to "intuition, inspiration and dreams" the instructions of Their Angelic Guides. Of course, the Angelic Teachers are not concerned with receiving any credit at all for Their impersonal yet valuable service, but lifestreams who will and do acknowledge Them, accept the reality of Their Presence, invoke Their guidance and ask them to help them with obtaining the answers to particular problems for which they seem to have no solution—such individuals will find greater efficacy in their research, studies and abilities to express the Truth through educational channels.

The Archangel Jophiel is not as well known to the people of Earth as are some of His Brothers—Lord Michael, Lord Uriel, Lord Raphael and Lord Gabriel. Therefore, it is the desire of the Angelic Host to make His Presence better known to mankind and thus give the added blessing of consciously invoking Him and the assistance of His Illumination Flame and His Angelic Teachers—asking Them to direct Their living light and practical instruction and assistance into the colleges, universities and schools wherein the lives of the younger generation are being molded in mind and body for service to life.

It is well known that there are many schools of learning wherein God and His Messengers are almost completely ignored—scoffed at and even the idea of Their existence is rejected. Any individual who knows of the existence of the Archangel Jophiel and His helpers, may invoke Their help to bring the love and illumination of God Himself into such schoolrooms of learning. Jophiel and His Helpers are so grateful to have such an invitation which opens the door to Them to act in, through and around all educational channels, as well as through the consciousness of those teachers who have taken upon themselves the great responsibility of molding the thinking and feeling processes of the younger generation who are to be the builders of tomorrow.

Rejection of God and His Messengers does create a hard shell of human arrogance and disbelief around those institutions of learning wherein the sole desire is to educate these young people for selfish ends in some particular creed which will not be of benefit to the human race. Since the free-will of mankind is paramount everywhere in the Universe, These great Beings will not come into the affairs of mankind even to bless, unless They are invited so to do. That is the Law and They are always instantly and lovingly obedient in every instance. However, the conscious calling for the Presence, power, illumination and practical understanding of Lord Jophiel and His Assistants into these institutions of learning is a great and impersonal service to life which you, gentle reader, may give if you wish—making it a daily rhythmic ritual so to do. Jophiel's Golden Flame (when called into action) can and will melt away the human "shells" above referred to.

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One does not necessarily have to know what particular school or institution of learning needs this special call, but one can call to Lord Jophiel to project His Golden Rays into, through and around *all schools of learning* (secular as well as spiritual) and those calls will be answerd!

Dearly Beloved Heavenly Father God and Lord Jophiel! With all our hearts, we thank you and all of Those Who assist You for your transcendent blessings of loving, joyous illumination which You do direct into the minds of men that they may arise more quickly into the fulfillment of their Divine Plan and enjoy living in their God-estate which was created for them in the beginning.

Now direct Your Illumination Flame through me, my loved ones and all

mankind. Help us to clearly understand the perfection of God's Will for ourselves, our fellowmen and this planet upon which we abide. Send Your limitless Legions of Angels of Illumination into every educational institution on Earth. Send an Angel of Your Illumination to abide within the aura of every teacher—secular and spiritual, there to abide until their service to life is completed.

Beloved Constance, help me and all mankind to be constant, faithful and true to our part in developing and manifesting God's great Will of Perfection for the blessing of all. Direct this Illumination Flame also into, through and around the lifestreams of those who have passed through the veil called "death" so that they may be able to enter one of your Temples at Inner Levels and, learning the truth of their being, become God's Messengers and the expression of His God-nature to all life everywhere forever!

GUARDIAN ANGELS OF HOMES AND TEMPLES

"Hail! Guardian Angels of the Home!
Come to our aid.
Share with us our work and play
Be with us that we may hear Your wings,
And feel your breath upon our cheek;
Come close, and sense our human love.
Take our hands in Yours;
Lift us for a while from the burden of this flesh.

Grant us to share with You
Your wondrous freedom throughout space;
Your vivid life in sunlit air;
Your great intensity of joy;
Your unity with Life.

Help us so to work and play
That the time may be brought near
When all our race
Shall know You well,
And hail You—Brother Pilgrims
On the path to God!

Hail! Guardian Angels of the Home!
Come to our aid!
Share with us our work and play,
That the Life within may be set free!"

Geoffrey Hodson

From the moment someone has the concept of a building to be created, that building begins to take form first as an idea, then as a mental picture and, finally as a manifest edifice. From the thoughts and feelings of the one who first has the desire to build, from the architects who work upon the plans and blueprints, as well as from the workman who do the actual constructing itself, there flows their energies, the qualifications of which affect the nature of the building for good or otherwise. When the building is completed, those who use it for God-worship, for living quarters, for educational development or for whatever use they desire to use it, continue (through their thoughts, feelings, spoken works and actions) to affect the nature of the building by the release of their own qualified life. Thus the building becomes a living entity—with a "personality" of its own.

As a lovely rose in a garden or a beautiful painting on a wall draws the attention of some passer-by, so does this living "thought-form" or "personality" of a building attract certain intelligences—either from the Realms above (if it be constructive) or from the lower atmosphere of Earth who are of a similar vibratory action and who help to sustain and increase qualities like unto their own in the nature of the building and those who are using it.

Therefore, if the individuals who live in a home are harmonious, loving, kindly, generous and pure in heart, the vibratory action of that home is in like manner beautiful and inviting to Divine Beings Whose service is to protect, stimulate and inspire to expansion the God-nature of those who dwell therein. Such Divine Beings to whom we have just referred may be of the Seraphic Kingdom although they are mostly from the Angelic and Cherubic Kingdom and Their Presence as the Guardian Spirit of that dwelling or edifice always is an uplifting radiation to the lifestreams they so serve. However, if the people who use the building are in themselves habitually discordant and the building is used for destructive purposes, such vibrations would attract and tie into persons, places, conditions and things of a similar nature and certain unfortunate intelligences from the atmosphere of Earth who have allowed themselves to connect with such vibrations. "Like always attracts like" throughout the Universe!

Should even one member of the family in the home or edif-

ice in question be aware of the possibility of such a gift and consciously ask for it, that call would be heard and the Silent Watcher (a Great Being of Light Who lives but to guard and expand the constructive persons, activities and qualities in that locality) applies to His Superior for the sending to such edifice a Guardian Spirit to the "thought-form" or "personality" of that structure.

Neither beauty of design and surroundings nor pretentiousness of construction materials play a part in drawing the Presence and assistance of such a Guardian Spirit. True sincerity in the desire to live constructively and harmony of the thought, feeling, spoken word and actions of those who use the building are the necessary requirements to draw the Presence of such a transcendent Being of Light to bless. The dwellers in a modest cottage may have the feeling of Godliness and Divine Love within them while a mansion of great size and perfection, on the other hand, may be devoid of these blessings. It is the spirit within the individuals themselves which determines the type of Guardian they have drawn.

These Guardian Spirits seek out lifestreams again and again all through their various embodiments, once they have been assigned by the Silent Watcher to guard such individuals. When man changes his place of abode, the Guardian Spirit goes with him, but leaves behind, of course, the etheric pattern of the building itself which had just been inhabited as well as all the joy, prayer and inspiration which have been drawn and utilized there. The quality of the pulsating pattern (invisible but palpable) which is left with the building consists of the constructive feelings, thoughts, words and actions which have been sent forth by the inhabitants. All destructively qualified emanations "soil" this pattern just as truly as vandalism defaces the physical structure.

In most cases, the next inhabitants of the home are of a similar nature to those who have just vacated for it is this invisible feeling—akin to their own—which attracts them.

One reason some families are content to live in the same house generation after generation is because some beautiful souls among their ancestors have endowed the home with true love for God and their fellowman; with tolerance, understanding and the manifold virtues which they have drawn from the "Source of All". These people have *earned* the Guard-

ian Presence of a Divine Being and the succeeding generations "reap where others have sown". However, if the new generation is decadent and unmindful of the blessings of the Guardian Spirit, those Guardian Spirits may at any time be recalled into the Realms of Light from whence They came. From then on disintegration of that property ensues.

Remember! you are privileged to raise the vibratory action of any home or building by sincere prayer, invocation to God and His Angels, asking for the presence of a Divine Guardian Spirit to abide over that building and *you will be answered!* Try this. Endeavor to surround yourself with beautiful flowers, lovely music, happy feelings, trust in God and witness His Love as the Guardian Angel assigned to you and your beloved ones helps to make your place of abode a "Mansion" of the Father here on Earth! "The Call Compels the Answer". "Command ye Me", sayeth the Lord!

ABUNDANCE: HOW TO MANIFEST IT

Many of our readers have no doubt asked themselves at least one of the following questions some time in their lives: How could I manifest an abundance of health, wealth, happiness or enlightenment? In this article we shall attempt to answer the question in relation to wealth, although the rules herein suggested are applicable also to the realization of any constructive desire. We shall treat the subject from two angles, the humanly-mental and the spiritually-mental as both offer a great variety of steps necessary to manifest abundance.

I

From the humanly-mental viewpoint, you have to deal with facts as viewed by the intellect. You have to think in terms of service, capacity, alertness, budgets, economy and financial, among other things. The right attitude towards each one of these elements of prosperity will result in an abundance-producing success. Let us analyze briefly these points:

Service: To get a compensation you must render a service. There is not the slightest doubt about this. You cannot expect

money to drop from the clouds on your lap, without some sort of endeavor, physical, mental or spiritual. And the efficiency of your service will determine the amount and permanency of your compensation.

Capacity: You will have as many sources of income as you have capacities to serve. Therefore, to increase your income, make a list of your capacities. If you are short of them, try to cultivate and use new ones. If you are a stenographer you will get a certain salary, but if you have general office experience besides, you will get a higher salary. If you know another language besides your own, this will mean another revenue of income at the office or as a language teacher. Increase the number of your capacities and you will open new revenues of income.

Alertness: If you are in the employ of others you must not only do your work well, but also consciously prepare yourself to be able to take over the greater responsibilities of your superior—never with the thought of supplanting him selfishly in your own favor, but just to be ready in case he shouuld receive a promotion to another position, or, perhaps, for some better job elsewhere. If you are in your own business, it is indispensable that you render better service than your competitors and that you produce something *new* and *different* to what others produce in your line, or, better still, create a new line of your own.

Budgets: It is absolutely indispensable, in private life or in the management of any business, to live on a budget, that is to adjust your expenses to your income. Many spiritually minded people have found it an *infallible rule* to increase their income to follow the injunction of the Holy Scriptures, to tithe, that is, to donate as a love-gift 10% of their income to their church, if they are church-goers, or to the spiritual activity in which they are interested, for the expansion of the Kingdom of God on Earth. The writer *is a witness* to the magic increase of prosperity through tithing.

Economy: A great American said, "A dollar saved is a dollar earned". Economy is not to go without something you need, but not to foolishly pay more for what you can get with less money. It is as easy to cultivate the habit of "saving", as to thoughtlessly squander money and it is more profitable.

Financial Obligations: These are never to be regarded as

shackles, fetters or burdens. They are the capitalization of your credit. They are an evidence of the trust others have in you; and you have to live up to that trust, not incurring debts you do not expect to be able to pay, in honestly discharging your obligations.

Such is briefly a bird's-eye view of a few of the elements of success from the humanly-mental angle.

II

Now, from the spiritually-mental viewpoint, many of those who have succeeded in the business world acted like excellent musicians who played by ear; that is, they did not submit themselves, in this embodiment, to a special training and did not follow a specified formula. But all of them have been conspicuous by the possession of certain Divine qualities, that one should have or develop as a *necessary condition* to success in any activity. They had determination, unity of purpose, perseverance, faith and vision. They also have been "past masters" in the art of picturing, or visualizing as some call this success-producing activity of the mind.

The first thing you will have to understand is this: A new-born baby is provided—by the love of its parents—with everything it might need for its well-being and growth. Likewise, before the world was created, a Reservior of all good was provided—by the Love of Its Parents—to satisfy all the needs of the new-born humanity on the planet. Just as the infant cries for milk and gets it, the only thing you have to do to get what you want is *to tap* this Reservoir, in which you live and move and have your being. *Get this basic idea clearly in your mind before you read any further.*

The next thing you will have to understand is that there is no *vacuum,* no empty space, anywhere in the Universe. The moment one seems to appear, all the substance of the Universe rushes to fill it. This is why it is said, "The Call Compels the Answer". The problem of "When does the answer come?" depends entirely on how you make the call and on how receptive you are to the answer.

How to Make the Call

Three steps have to be taken: Outlining, Picturing and Vitalizing.

Outlining: Know exactly what you want and keep wanting it until you get it. Write down briefly your desire, not once but several times a day. *Repetition* of outlining, picturing and vitalizing is necessary to get what you want. Know that your capacity to desire a thing is a sure sign that it has already started from the "Invisible" towards you.

Picturing: Make a clear mental picture of what you want and look at it several times during the day. If you can make a drawing of this picture, so much the better. Then hang it where you can look at it frequently. Know that nothing was ever made in this world before it was first an idea, a picture, in the mind and a feeling in the heart of someone.

Vitalizing: Love what you want and then think about it very often all during the day—just for a moment. Try to devise ways and means of making your picture become a reality. Try to take some physical steps, each day to accelerate the realization of your wish. Even though these "steps" may be small and seemingly unimportant to you, still they will help you to accept the reality of your fulfilled desire. Know that Divine Love is the mightiest magnet in all the Universe and that "action begets action."

How to be Receptive to the Answer

Three steps have also to be taken: Expectancy, Joy and Gratitude.

Expectancy: Have the faith that the Law that has worked for others is working for you now. Live constantly in a state of expectation. Ideas, hunches, people, anyone or all of these may be the channels through which you will get your answer; therefore, be wide awake to get inspirations and be loving to all people and circumstances. See every opportunity as a medium to get what you want.

Joy: Cultivate hourly a sense of joy in every experience you have and feel daily that you are already enjoying the use of what you want. Know that joy, coupled with love, is the power that attracts ideas, people and circumstances to bring you the answer to your call.

Gratitude: Express daily your gratitude to God, the Source of all good, in thought, feeling and deeds, for all the blessings you already have, and for being, mentally and emotionally at least, in full possession of what you want. Know that gratitude

opens the way, like nothing else, to receive the abundance you desire.

Gentle reader, do exactly as has been suggested here and one day you will write to "HOPE" MAGAZINE a letter of gratitude for Its having been the means of bringing into your hands what you wanted.

OUR ROBES OF PEACE

"O, God! Give me peace!" is the prayer most prayed by the humanity of this Earth! Peace does not come from an accretion of knowledge, from an accumulation of material things, from the plaudits of the masses nor from the enjoyment of worldly entertainment which temporarily appeases the senses. It is our belief in our "separateness" from God which is the cause of our lack of Peace—that lack of the feeling of "at-oneness" with our Real Self—our God-Presence—*which is all-peace!* This feeling of separation causes us the discomfort we experience.

Through our forgetfulness of the Source from whence we came—God—we have blocked the inflow of life, of spirit—of so many of the good and perfect gifts which we once had and knew in the beginning and which now await only our request and acceptance to restore them to us again to bless us in abundance.

If the human appearance of discord, dis-ease, depression or poverty seem to be our present lot, or doubt, fear, striving, tension, jealousy or lethargy seem to harrass us, it is because we have rivited our attention upon the "without" not only during *this* Earth-span but through many, many embodiments of the past. Thus have we drawn into our worlds through the senses, appearances which God never intended us to endure. By force, we have willed to be the doer, rather than having submitted to the good and perfection which the Father within us wants us to have—*letting Him do the works through us.*

Temporary surcease from many of our ills has come to us through the avenues of medicine, education and science but even these agencies have not brought a permanent relief to mankind since they deal only with effects and not with causes. As long as a certain amount of "trouble" remains with us; as

long as we merely exchange one type of dis-ease for another; just so long are we merely applying new patches to cover the rents, but the worn-out garment remains essentially the same.

Yet, how can it be otherwise, caught as we are within the shadows of our own making—seeing "through the glass darkly" —walking through the valley where the fog is thickest—out of which fog, in most cases, the blind are attempting to lead the blind!

Even so, this is only one side of the cloth and the wrong side at that! Every conceivable opportunity and assistance to move out of the seeming darkness into the light awaits us—were we but to "lift our eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh our help": to raise our consciousness up and beyond the maelstrom of daily living—from so much action without direction—then placing our attention upon our Holy Christ Self Whose life is beating our very hearts. That Holy Christ Self of us has waited O, so long for the obstinacy of the human will to give way to Its direction.

As we begin to climb this "hill" of consciousness, we begin to catch a glimmer of light (illumination). The higher we go, the more radiation of God-help we can feel, until we realize that, above the clouds, the Sun of God's Truth is and always has been shining with constancy and great brilliance. Its light reveals the reality that God's Will for all IS GOOD! Now we no longer need to stretch out our hands protectively before us while groping in the dark, but we walk with greater assurance toward our destined goal.

It is not often that we reach the heights of comprehension with suddenness. Expansion is usually gradual. Development comes by degrees, continuing sometimes over many embodiments.

Could this have been the theme the poet had in mind when he wrote

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till at length thou art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

Or the idea (though in a very different and much lighter vein) of an unknown writer when he penned the lines which he titled

*Bird Thoughts**

I lived in a little house,
and lived there very well;
I thought the world was small and round
and made of pale blue shell.

I lived next in a little nest,
nor needed any other;
I thought the world was made of straw
and brooded to my mother.

One day I fluttered from the nest
to see what I could find;
I said, "The world is made of leaves,
I have been very blind."

At length I flew beyond the tree,
quite fit for grown-up labors;
I don't know how the world is made
and neither do my neighbors.

We are rapidly learning, however, in the Western Hemisphere, ways and means of ascending the "hill of consciousness" more rapidly, just as improvements in mode of transportation have so greatly lessened the distance between two points.

Ascending in consciousness, however, is not to be identified with rising in space—but refers to Divine Alchemy—a constructive change in the thoughts and feelings concerning any appearance. As we realize that one rises "above" a situation, not by physically climbing a hill, or standing in the atmosphere with body suspended over the platform of the Earth, but by *raising the quality of thought and feeling,* and ascending out of discord and strife is similarily a change in vibration and attitude—then—we shall see more advance in practical manifestation.

* *"Bird Thoughts" from Essential English published by Laidlaw Brothers, Chicago.*

We are learning too that by the daily calling forth of the Divine Alchemy of the Violet Fire of Mercy, Forgiveness and Divine Compassion all around us, we can raise and thus purify our thoughts, feelings, memories and so-called sub-conscious selves, until we are wholly free from the "gnats of annoyance—dis-ease, depression and disintegration which have for so long disturbed our peace.

Also, at this particular time of such great opportunity, we are having brought to our attention and are having proven beyond all doubt, that there are in Heaven's Realm (the help of Whom is available to man at his call) Ascended Masters of Divine Alchemy Who once lived here (like the Beloved Jesus) but Who, by the application of the same Laws we are being given today, have mastered substance and energy and have prepared themselves to live in Heaven's Eternal Peace and Perfection. These Ascended Masters used this Divine Alchemy to free themselves from the limitations of human consciousness and They know the Law and Its efficacy. They are now reaching out Their hands to help all who will ask Them for that help. Wherever They can have a listening ear, They are teaching mankind first-hand Truth to take the place of our "second-hand" knowledge which mankind in general have accrued from none too reliable sources. Even the Master Jesus, Himself, has recorded in some of His non-canonical writings, "The gifts of the Universal God Mind are so infinite and so diversified that much of their blessing is denied expression through lack of recognition of My Brothers and Sisters, Who work with Me hand in hand in God's Kingdom. Would that the tenets of Brotherhood which true Christians emulate in their earthly affairs, could be incorporated into their tolerant acceptance of the Divine Brotherhood of the Spiritual Sons of Heaven."

We are learning to let go of the temporary palliatives that do not afford us permanent comfort and to enter deep, deep into that Sacred Stillness from whence has come forth into being this Universe and all of us, small and great alike.

This "Sacred Stillness" is really the "Home of the Father" to which the prodigal returned and a focus of It is anchored within every beating heart.

A truly great Sage has recently described it as "Home in the truest and deepest sense." Within It is Security and Safety and Understanding; Love without censure and *Peace* without price. It is Light as the most exquisite sunshine that your imagining faculties could conceive and yet it is as restful as the twilight. It is as silent as the sun in the Heavens in the performance of its Cosmic duties and yet it it filled with sound in perfect Harmony. It is the ultimate toward which all life is journeying and it can be experienced by the evolving consciousness of any unascended being when he becomes still enough.

Once you have entered into the Heart of that exquisite Stillness where you will meet with every Being Who has mastered the outer self; where you can see the full design of God's plan for every creature, you will never leave it again; but will work from within that Heart, abiding in *Perfect Peace.* Your physical heart is the anchor, (right within your own physical body) for this "Sacred Stillness" which is the actual Presence of God of which we have spoken. Every day, for just a few moments at a time at first, practice placing and holding your attention upon that "Secret Place" in your own heart. So will you learn to enter into that "Secret Place of Stillness" and, as time goes on, you will find that Stillness increasing in power and tangibility as you practice its cultivation of inner peace. Then you will not be so intent upon "getting away from it all"—in travel and vacation—when, at any moment, you may go into this Inner Realm within your heart and come back more restored than any resort, or physical sunshine, or water spa could manifest.

As we enter deep, deep, deep into the Heart of the Silence and *know* for ourselves the Fullness of Life that is there for our health, enjoyment, prosperity, and *peace,* so do we develop a comprehension so far above the "Bird Thoughts" of our "feathered friends", that we *do* perceive in its entirety "how *the world is* made"—the Divine Plan of the Universe and *our part in it.*

Then do disease, poverty, tension and even death itself drop from us like a worn-out garment and we stand fully clothed in our CELESTIAL ROBES OF ETERNAL PEACE.

THE LIFE OF GOD—*NEVER*—FAILS!

How could it? Such a statement is easy to understand when one realizes just what life really is—God—Himself—in action everywhere for, "perpetual motion" is one of the great laws of existence! Now, "perpetual motion" does not mean that there is never any rest! The secret of such continuous activity without cessation lies in the use of perfect RHYTHM of motion and in the feelings of joy in perfect harmony! Witness the beat of the heart in the physical body—it really "rests in action" and, when it loses its perfect "beat"—dis-ease results. We read in the Bible that "the Lord (Law) rested on the seventh day" but that "rest" was not inactivity! It was simply the returning to God—the Source and Giver of Life—by His creation, of loving feelings of gratitude and adoration for that which the Father had given in the other six days of creation and the sealing of that which had been brought forth in the peace which protects, sustains and expands perfection all ways. Peace always floods the being and world of those who are grateful for Blessings received and *do something about it!*

Let us take just one moment off—right here—and THINK! Could Almighty God ever possibly FAIL in anything? Then how could LIFE fail or ever cease to be? What seems to be the "failure" in the physical appearance world is just the removing of the FORM which life used to express a definite purpose of existence but, when that form has served its purpose (which is always to give some blessing to life) then the life within that form is released into greater freedom of expression—even here in the physical appearance world. When form disintegrates, its component parts merely separate and cease to function as a united entity—instead, they exist individually and, when released from the form in which they served for a time, they actually "fly" back to the Sun of their Source for re-polarization by Divine Love. Then, one day, they may serve again in some greater capacity!

"The Light of God NEVER Fails"! This is a statement with which some of mankind are familiar as being the distress call of the humanity of this Earth to the Great White Brotherhood. In any time of need, these words repeated three times

(either audibly or silently) will bring IMMEDIATE HELP from the Hosts of Light.

"The Love of God NEVER Fails" is just as true a statement as the above—for *Divine Love is God-in-action also!* That Divine Love was so great that IT GAVE ITSELF TO ITS CREATION—endowing every consciousness to which It gave Itself with Its Own power of free-will and choice so that it might be a co-creator with God. Then, by Its very Nature, Love NEVER COULD and NEVER WOULD—*deny Its loved one the priceless gift of Its Self*—LIFE!

"The LIFE of God NEVER Fails"! Life—Love—Light—all three are synonymous with God (Good) and what is true of one is true of all.

Mankind en masse have forgotten these Truths—they have forgotten their Source and their reason for being. All upon this dear Earth once knew the great REALITY OF LIFE—that it always has been—is now and ever shall be! Now, because of this forgetfulness, the human mind neglects to return its thought and feeling RHYTHMICALLY to the Giver of its life and thus denies itself the comforting Truth of the continuity of consciousness and eternality of existence. The word "eternal" comes from that which means "without time". "Time" is merely a form of Divine Order by which the life in the physical octave may be kept in some sort of rhythm. "Time" has no existence of itself—it is merely an instrument created for the use of man by which he may measure and record "His story" (history) of His life evolving here.

Let us reason together! If LIFE IS ALWAYS LIFE and, being God, LIFE IS OMNIPRESENT, OMNISCIENT AND OMNIPOTENT (always present—all knowing—and all-powerful)—then THERE IS NO DEATH! How could there be—since God (LIFE) is ALL!

Do you ask: "Then why do we see so many manifestations of that which at least looks like 'death'—all around us—every day?" Dear hearts—under the conditions which exist in the appearance world of today—such distress of body, mind, soul and affairs as mankind has drawn upon himself by the forgetfulness of his Source—his all-loving Father God—is it

not the great, great mercy of that LOVE WHICH CANNOT FAIL to give His loved one periods of respite and surcease from those distresses? Such periods of change and relaxation from the rigors of the physical life; from the experiencing of the distressing effects of previously destructive causes sent forth, are merciful indeed—but mankind calls these "death". There is a lovely poem which speaks of the loved one who has passed on as "a rose blooming on the other side of the wall" . . . this is a beautiful thought and a true one—for the loved one DOES LIVE ON—in much greater freedom and peace in Realms of Light, learning again the Truths they had forgotten; there gaining strength, courage and power to try again to harmoniously control substance and energy by the power of Divine Love and Harmony through another physical form—if this is still necessary to the fulfillment of his Divine Plan.

With the above in mind, then is not the "passing" of a loved one a cause for great rejoicing and gratitude? "O, may there be no moaning at the bar when I put out to sea" sang a great poet who understood at least something of this matter. There is the great RHYTHM OF LIFE—form being drawn from the Universal and form being returned to It; the great rhythm of the ebb and flow of the tides; the blazing glory of the Aurora Borealis at dawn and the magnificence of the flaming sky at sunset. In all of these great spectacles of Nature's grandeur, there is no sadness–just the joy of the freedom of expression—always progressing to greater and greater perfection. If we REALLY LOVE someone, would we honestly WANT TO HOLD THEM IN LIVING FORMS in which they knew little if any peace; in forms which had outlived their usefulness to themselves and others—which no longer bless but suffer? No! Then why do men grieve at such a parting? Forgive us if we suggest that perhaps their grief is because of their own feeling of loss and a feeling of rebellion at the necessity for change in their habits and affairs. Man could not die if he wanted to! His very being (consciousness) IS GOD and God is LIFE FOREVER!

"I cannot say—and I WILL NOT SAY—
That he is dead! He is just away . . . "